

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 69

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOUNDING OF LA VILLA REAL DE  
12 LA SANTA FÉ DE SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS, 1607-1610, AND THE PART  
13 THAT THE PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS AND THE SANTA FE PLAZA PLAYED  
14 IN THE CITY'S FOUNDING.

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16 WHEREAS, by 1600, the Pueblo people of the Rio Grande  
17 region had inhabited the area now known as Santa Fe for  
18 hundreds of years; and

19 WHEREAS, from at least the time of 1607 there existed a  
20 small settlement of Spanish people in that same area; and

21 WHEREAS, by the summer of 1610 Pedro de Peralta had  
22 established the city of Santa Fe; and

23 WHEREAS, the founding of Santa Fe is a seminal event in  
24 the history of the United States; and

25 WHEREAS, the palace of the governors and the Santa Fe

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1 plaza have existed from the time of the city of Santa Fe's  
2 founding and continue to be the active, vibrant heart of the  
3 city; and

4 WHEREAS, the United States senate and house of  
5 representatives have within their power the ability to  
6 recommend to the United Nations Educational, Cultural and  
7 Scientific Organization (UNESCO) locations and structures for  
8 inclusion in the United Nations' listing of world heritage  
9 sites; and

10 WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe wishes to have the Santa Fe  
11 plaza and the palace of the governors, taken together, listed  
12 as a UNESCO world heritage site;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico's congressional delegation  
15 be requested to seek UNESCO world heritage site designation for  
16 the palace of the governors and the Santa Fe plaza; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to the governing body of the city of Santa Fe and  
19 New Mexico's United States congressional delegation.

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